

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-22 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1-17 are cancelled and new claims 22-30 are added. Therefore, claims 18-30 are presented for consideration.

Claims 18-22 were rejected as anticipated by STROBEL et al. 6,514,597. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 18 is amended and recites a polymeric housing having a base and a cover and a window formed as one-piece with the housing. The window has a reduced thickness with respect to the housing that is less than or equal to 0.1 mm.

The STROBEL reference does not disclose or suggest a housing. Rather, STROBEL only refers to a polymeric film having a thickness of 2 to 250 mm and with a regular pattern of minute depressions on the film.

As STROBEL neither discloses a housing nor is the arrangement of rollers disclosed by STROBEL capable of forming a housing, STROBEL does not anticipate claim 18. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 18-22 were rejected as anticipated by HASEGAWA et al. 6,127,438. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

As set forth above, claim 18 is amended and recites a polymeric housing and a window formed as one-piece with the

housing and having a reduced thickness with respect to the housing that is less than or equal to 0.1 mm.

HASEGAWA discloses a polyethylene microporous film. HASEGAWA neither discloses a housing nor are the steps of HASEGAWA capable of forming a housing.

Moreover, as the film of HASEGAWA is porous, such film would not be capable of being used as a hanger for a dosimeter.

As the reference does not disclose that which is recited and is not capable of being used as a hanger for a dosimeter, HASEGAWA does not anticipate claim 18. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 18-22 were rejected as unpatentable over either CHAMBERLAIN et al. 4,975,589 or VELBECK et al. 5,177,363. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dosimeters similar to those disclosed by CHAMBERLAIN and BELBECK are discussed in the Background of the Invention of the present application on page 1, line 6 through page 2, line 21. Such known dosimeters include a base and cover that are formed as separate pieces and connected together with a thin plastic film adhered behind an opening in the cover.

In contrast, the housing and window of the present application are formed as one piece.

The Federal Circuit has distinguished elements that are formed as one piece over those that are integral or connected

adhered together. See, for example, *Advanced Cardiovascular Systems v. Scimed Life Systems Inc.*, 12 USPQ2d 1539 (Fed. Cir. 1989) and *In re Mishinyar*, 28 USPQ2d 1789 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

As neither CHAMBERLAIN nor VELBECK disclose how to make a one-piece dosimeter hanger, such one-piece dosimeter hanger would not have been obvious in view of these references.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New claims 23-30 are added. New independent claim 23 recites a base and a cover formed as one piece with the base. One of the base and the cover have an area of reduced thickness having a thickness less than or equal to 0.1 mm. The analysis above regarding to claim 18 is equally applicable to claim 23.

Claims 24-30 depend from claim 23 and further define the invention and are also believed patentable over the cited prior art. Support for the new claims may be found in the figures and on page 5, line 25 through page 8, line 12 of the application as filed.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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